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1. A hard surfaced, all weather road [#24] over two lanes wide runs from 25X1 Bielsko-Biala westward to Cieszyn in Czechoslovakia via Skoczow. This road is heavily traveled by commercial vehicles and is in good condition. Another hard surfaced, all weather road [#24] runs from Bielsko-Biala northward to Pszszyna. [] it continues northward to Stalinogrod. Another hard surfaced, all weather [#24] runs from Bielsko-Bialo north northwest to Oswiecim and from Oswiecim it continues northward to Stalinogrod. Another hard-surfaced, all weather road [#24] runs from Oswiecim southward to the Polish Czechoslovakian border via Kety and Kobienne.
2. All of the above hard-surfaced roads are considered first class highways. The roadbed of the hard-surfaced roads consist of natural clay and stones. The subbase contains large rocks. The next layer consists of crushed rock and the top layer is asphalt surfaced. However, in some sections for short distances, the roads are macadam-surfaced.
3. All the roads are crowned for easy drainage and shallow drainage ditches run along both sides of the road. The roads run through small rolling hills. The curves on the all weather roads are shallow and high speeds can be attained on them.
4. A steel highway bridge [#1] which is over three lanes wide is located in the center of Bielako-Biala. The bridge runs east and west over the Biala river which flows north and south. The bridge is in good condition and is strong enough for heavy vehicles to cross it.
5. A railroad bridge of steel construction [#2] is located south of the highway bridge [#1]. It also crosses the Biala river and is in good condition. Another railroad bridge [#3] and of steel construction is located in the northern suburbs of Bielsko-Biala. It is also in good condition. []

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6. Two more highway bridges are located approximately eight miles east of Bielsko-Biala. One bridge which is of concrete-steel construction is two lanes wide and in good condition, and is located near Kobienna. This bridge could carry heavy traffic. It crosses the Sola river which flows north and south. A second concrete-steel highway bridge is located approximately one mile south southwest of Porahka. This bridge also crosses the Sola river. It is over two lanes wide, in good condition and able to absorb heavy usage.

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